

# Providing Services to Immigrants: A credit union perspective

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# **Immigrant Markets**



- St. Mary's Bank Credit Union (Manchester, NH). First CU organized in the US. Chartered in 1909 to server French-Canadian Immigrants that didn't have access to financial services
- Immigrant populations constitute a growing focus of CU system
  - > Access
  - > Products
  - > Outreach

## Access



# **Community Development Credit Unions**

- Latino Community CU in North Carolina
- Comunidad Latina FCU in California
- Start up projects in: Atlanta, Houston, New Orleans,
   Seattle

#### **Traditional Credit Unions**

- Anheuser-Busch Employees CU: American Eagle Brand
- Kinecta FCU: Purchase of Navicert Financial, Payday Lending chain based in Nevada
- Point West CU: Merged of Hacienda Credit Union

# **Products & Outreach**



#### **Products: CDCUs and Innovation**

- West Texas CU: Used Car loans and insurance
- Latino Community CU (NC): ITN Mortgage Loans
- NorthEast Community FCU (IL): Citizenship loans
- Community Trust (CA): ITIN Acceptance Agent

#### **Outreach: State Credit Union Leagues**

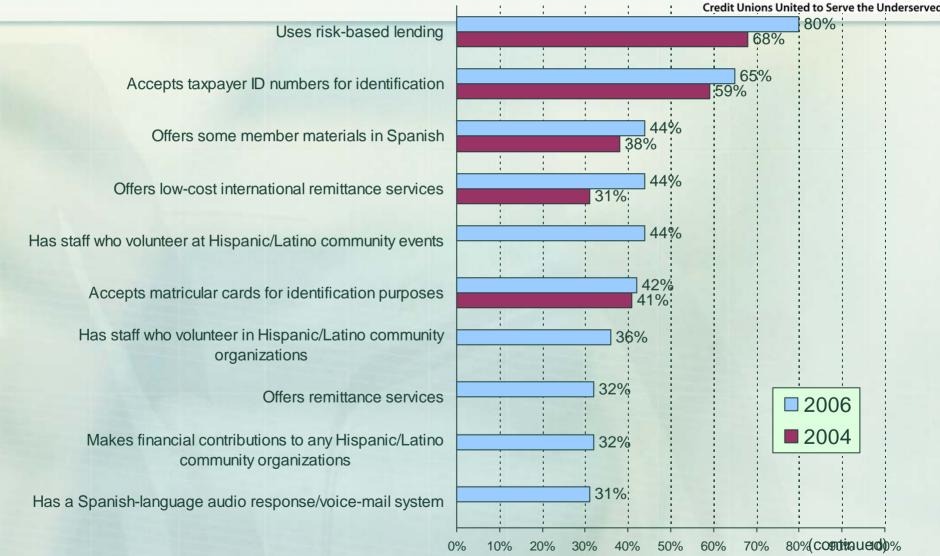
- Texas: Juntos Avanzamos
- New York: Affordable Housing/Financial Literacy Campaigns
- Iowa: Piloting Hispanic Outreach through remittance services

### **National: World Council of Credit Unions**

- IRnet: International Remittance Services
- Best practices in marketing to immigrants

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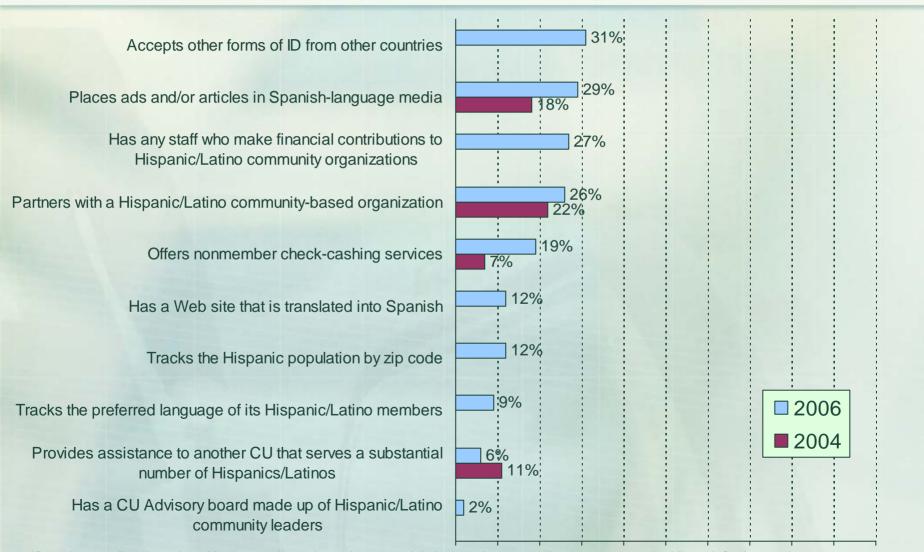




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